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Results Given Of Eye Survey

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Fifty to 60 cases of histoplasmosis were discovered as a result of an eye survey made Saturday at Walkersville High School, it was learned last night.

The results of the survey, conducted by ophtholmologists from the Wilmer Institute at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, and local physicians, were tallied last night.

The eye examination and skin test for the disease of the eye involved 1,198 people from the Walkersville-Woodsboro and surrounding areas.

An extensive examination in about two or three months at Wilmer will be given to the 50-60 people discovered to have the disease.

Fifty per cent of the townspeople tested were found to have positive reactions to the skin tests administered and several were found to have active lesions in the eye.

Aside from histoplasmosis, several cases of glaucoma were detected along with retinal detachments, diabetes and other eye ailments. These causes have been referred to local optomologists.

An extensive report of the survey will be given later at the Glade Valley Lions Club.

Dr. Ron Smith, ophtholomologist at Wilmer and co-ordinator of the project, said, "Results were received from all who participated. If you reach 90 per cent it is considered an excellent response. We are remarkably impressed at the response to the reading of this test.

Dr. Smith said a few of the ophtholomologists will return in March, at a date to be announced, in order to give the tests to those people who missed the survey due to college, illness or other reasons.

Commenting on the entire project, Dr. Smith said, "The Wilmer Institute is most appreciative of the good response to this survey. We did it- 100 per cent response."